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A dozen cases of smallpox in Sydney originated in a Chinese house.

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It will be seen that the wheat of the United States controls the British market to a great preponderance over that of all other countries combined. Good crops in Russia and elsewhere might reduce our exports to the United Kingdom a little, but as slovenly and unintelligent as Russian agriculture and as inefficient as the service of Russian railways that we have little to fear from the competition of the czar's dominions. There is more probability of competition from development of cereal production in India, Australia, and other British colonial dominions where the possibilities of wheat growing are really immense. Great Britain is now straining every nerve to develop these so as to have means of obtaining food independent of the United States. This secured, she could enter with spirit and vigor upon the policy of tariff retaliation on the United States, which so many of her public men and journals are beginning to advocate.

Statistics for France covering a period of several years, show that her average annual consumption is about 328,000,000 bushels while her average annual harvest is 277,000,000 bushels, leaving an annual average deficiency of about 51,000,000 bushels to be supplied by importation. The French crop of 1878 fell something short of the average and during the following year France imported from the United States 42,147,358 bushels of wheat. In 1880 we supplied France with 45,225,320 bushels, nearly four times as much as Russia furnished her, and only a little less than two-thirds of all she imported. The French wheat crop of 1879 was small, but her crop last year was ten million bushels above the average for ten years as stated above. France now discriminates against American flour so as to give her own millers the profit of grinding—a system which undoubtedly helps the millers of the country, but at the same time as certainly increases the price of bread to all consumers. This is an illustration of the plan on which the whole tariff system of the United States is organized and maintained.

The state of European crops for the present harvest is not yet reported with sufficient fullness to afford estimates as to how much wheat the principal importing countries will take during the next twelve months. But the probability is that a fair average will not be exceeded anywhere. Consequently the demand from America will be unchecked though our own surplus, taking reports from the great wheat growing region of which Chicago is the commercial center as a guide, will not be equal to that of last year or the year before.

AS TO "WHISKY ADVERTISEMENTS"

THE OREGONIAN receives an occasional remonstrance against publishing whisky advertisements." Recently a so-called temperance paper demanded to know what excuse this journal had to offer for advertising the "drunkard makers" business. Let us say that we do not feel obliged either to answer or apologize. However, as this journal is always frank, it will take notice even of impertinence. It is sufficiently known that liquors are a general article of commerce. The trade form one of the largest lines of business in the country. The laws of the United States and of the several States taxe it. The proprietors and dealers in liquors are licensed by the United States and by the several States, and many municipalities. Of these things the [illegible] are cognizant. Now certain it is that a majority of the people [illegible] by these laws [illegible] with [illegible]

DRUNKENNESS AND CRIME

It is of this thing. It would give an [illegible] to the popularity to shoot and stab an occasional [illegible] the country. Many of these broils have a foreign, but can be [illegible] pot the dread of physical punishment which the law now prescribes as adequate for the crime. [illegible] was stabbing evening in this city which a peaceable citizen was assaulted by a villain who cut and slashed with a knife, [illegible] inflicted a number of severe wounds. That scoundrel doubtless thinks by this time that he ought to go free because he was drunk when he committed the act and as many another has done and as sentimental people who are ready to excuse such acts too often do he will say that whisky did it—as if he alone were not responsible for drinking it. This is no better than pleading one crime in excuse of another. It is undoubtedly true that the tendency is to palliate all kinds of offenses committed by men whose passions happen at the time to be inflamed by alcoholic stimulants. This is foolishly plotted by unpracticable temperance reformers who absurdly think it possible thereby to make somebody else than the man who gets drunk and commits the crime responsible for it. Even courts as well as juries seem to be losing sight of the sound legal principle that drunkenness is no excuse for crime. Unless this principle is kept before the public mind the day is not far distant when it will be impossible to convict any one of murder or attempt to murder. Already drunkenness if it cannot be made to work acquittal, is too often used to secure mitigation of the penalty. But in fact not only is drunkenness no excuse but legally considered, it is an aggravation of the offense. Let courts and juries recognize the suggestion that a person who has placed himself under the influence of intoxicants is incapable of forming a deliberate intention to kill, and the penalties for assault on human life might as well be abolished at once. All that a person contemplating murder would have to do to pave the way to immunity from the extreme penalty of the law would be either to get drunk or to take liquor enough to enable him to feign drunkenness successfully. Many criminals plan their bloody deeds in their soberest moments and then nerve themselves for the consummation by free indulgence in alcoholic stimulants. Many crimes, too, against persons and property though not planned beforehand would never be committed, were it not that those who perpetrate them first arouse their evil natures by drink. Thus it is that ebriety aggravates rather than excuses the act of the criminal. The man who steals his neighbor's pocket book or his horse, and is found in possession of the stolen property, may truthfully say, 'I was drunk when I did it,' but this is not a plea that justifies a mitigation of his sentence. If he goes further and declares that the thing would not have happened had he not been drunk then he should be punished not only for the crime itself but for the drunkenness that made it possible. Men are supposed to know the effect which a [illegible] drink has upon their physical and mental organisms and if it tends to prompt them to the perpetration of crime they should not be permitted to set up the plea that because they voluntarily made themselves drunk, therefore society should relieve them from the penalty of the law. It is time that this mawkish sentimentality about drunkenness excusing or palliating crime should be condemned in the public mind and frowned out of courts of justice.

The first auditor of the treasury department is contending with a form of expenditure which is embraced under what are known as "legend-" that is long continued customs. He found when he came into office that the salaries of United States judges and other high officers began when they were nominated by the president, or, at least when they were confirmed by the senate. He refused to approve the account of one of the judges of the supreme court for the District of Columbia for salary from the date of the nomination. The auditor insisted that it should begin from the day he took the oath of office and cited the law which explicitly provides that this shall be the method of procedure. The treasury officials acted in accordance with the auditor's decision. Whether this stands will depend upon the action of congress. If it does not, it will be the first instance in which the [illegible] of the auditor's decision has been overruled. Many [illegible] have been [illegible] by the auditor's decision, and [illegible] will be [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of

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The Daily Oregonian.

THE POWER OF PLUNDER.

How Others See Us—A Phase of American Politics.

London Times, July 4.

Whether the authors of the attack on President Garfield is a lunatic or merely a moral monster on imaginary wrongs, there is no doubt that his crime will do more than volumes of argument could do to turn the attention of the American people to the weak points of their political system. As is often the case when abuses have become inveterate, people who are perfectly well aware of their existence are content to tolerate them until some scandal arises which forces them to take the question resolutely in hand. In ordinary times the instinct to let sleeping dogs lie is too strong; men are unwilling to disturb what all admit to be wrong, lest the difficulty of a readjustment should prove insuperable. In politics, where interests are deeply involved, it requires a great shock to transform the abstract into the practical. But that American opinion has been for some time prepared to admit the need of a reform in the public service, and, indeed, of the whole political machine, is well known to all observers of current events across the Atlantic. No better example of this could be given than the article which has just been published in the *North American Review* by Mr. James Parton, a political writer of good position in America, and the author of several works, among them of an elaborate "Life of Voltaire." With that fondness for striking titles which is characteristic of the American journalist, Mr. Parton calls his article "The Power of Public Plunder," and it must be admitted that the picture which he draws is worthy of the title. It sketches in the most vivid way the actual scenes of a political campaign in the United States; the way in which the meetings are organized and conducted; the men who take part in them, and the men who pull the strings from behind; the candidates, their efforts and their expenditure; the spoils and their distribution; and, above all, the objects held in view by the rich men who, without ever seeking or accepting office, find it worth their while to direct and to carry through the campaign. Then Mr. Parton proceeds to suggest his remedies, not without hope that the public mind is sufficiently alive to their necessity to consider and to adopt them.

The center of American public life, according to Mr. Parton's unflattering picture, is the man who is known by the name of the Boss. What is a boss? In America they have a way of giving grotesque names, but often, if the thing named is a reality, the grotesqueness soon disappears and the word becomes the mark of something far too important to be laughed at. So it is with the undignified title in question. "A boss," Mr. Parton says, "is simply a man who can get to the polls on election-day masses of voters who care little or nothing for the issues of the campaign, and know of them still less." He is, in other words, a political chieftain, on a large scale or on a small, with a following at his back who obey his orders implicitly. Wherever there is a clique, an interest, or a group belonging to a foreign nationality, there is sure to be a boss who controls their votes, and who disposes of them for a consideration. Generally, or very often, an Irishman; he possesses the sort of influence which is of value in a political contest; he has reared his flock like a shepherd; he knows the habits of each individual, the whereabouts of those who are away, the desires of each, and the arguments that are most likely to prevail. It is not to be expected that his followers can be influenced by any means except one; and that one is, generally speaking, the prospect of some kind of plunder to follow upon success. The boss is repaid by an office "with plenty of patronage to it," and the patronage provides for the young men attached to his service. The whole system, Mr. Parton tells us, is reduced to an almost mechanical perfection. At the top come the great capitalists, who make their profit out of government contracts, public loans, and great financial operations into which the government could introduce them; and below the capitalists comes a whole order of politicians trained to operate with unrivaled skill upon the ambition, the cupidity, and the momentary interests of the voter. At the bottom of it all, Mr. Parton maintains, lies the system which makes the public service the reward of the successful voters. It is badly paid, and its tenure is short and precarious. To make it a service which would tempt respectable men to enter it, and which would assure them the enjoyment of their posts during good behavior, is Mr. Parton's aim as it is the aim of all civil service reformers.

If it had been a foreigner that had drawn this indictment against the political working of the great republic, American patriotism would have been very properly offended. It may be doubted, indeed, whether any foreigner would have ventured to express himself with so much heat on this serious growth which has formed itself on the free institutions in which all see so much to admire. It must be admitted that there is much truth in the charge. The capitalist and the financial ring, which are powerful in Europe, are in America a public danger. They work the money market at their pleasure. They control the railways, and thus practically fix the price of supplies. They are extinguishing the chances of the poor settler, even on the virgin prairies of the northwest, by buying the land in plots of 30,000 acres. They often keep municipal government in their own hands. But it may be doubted whether they play the part in controlling the elections which Mr. Parton would have us believe; and if they do, how is their influence to be lessened? How is their strength to be resisted? As long as there is anything to be gained by a political victory, so long will men aim at securing it by all the means in their power. In a great democracy, where the hereditary principle does not exist, it is difficult to see what influence under ordinary circumstances is to take the place of wealth. Much, no doubt, may be done by diminishing the motive, by making the prizes of political success less multitudinous and smaller than they are. Every one is agreed that some kind of "fixity of tenure" in public office, from the higher ranks of the great departments of state down to village postmasterships, is absolutely essential to an honest civil service. But the practical difficulties in the way of such a reform are enormous, and the best intentions cannot carry it out all at once. It was a great day for the cause of political purity when General Garfield was chosen as the representative candidate for the presidency; but General Garfield, hampered by conditions and compromises, could not at one stroke reorganize the whole administration of a continent. He did not stand alone; he could not maintain his own cabinet without reference to those who had made way for him. But his election in the face of the tremendous attempts of the "boss" party was a great victory still; and the passion of sympathy, admiration and resentment that has been excited by the outrage committed upon him in the name of political corruption will not subside without showing that the party who won the victory are in earnest. It was the respectable classes, for honest men, what Mr. Parton calls the "roughs," that carried Garfield, and they will do more. For when people say that in America the "good citizens" keep clear of politics, they only speak half the truth. The good citizens keep themselves reserve for emergencies, but they will not allow any great injury to be done to the republic if they can help it. It is said not to be forgotten by the wise old Chinese America, from within or from without, what a gigantic experiment it is that she is working out. Without an example in history, without long traditions of her own, she is doing the problem of self-governing states by means of the free votes of the people. It is small wonder if the experiment should at times appear perilous, or that there are those who are ready to predict from it, and that, when the first serious difficulty arises, the machine will break down. Mr. Parton's picture may be overdrawn, but there is much in it that is true, and that ought to be pondered by all who have the welfare of free institutions at heart.

THE NORTHWEST.

Eastern Oregon.

The harvest is about finished in Union County. Wheat has been excellent, and crops good.

[illegible] has bought over three hundred tons of hay [illegible] river valley for the Railroad company.

[illegible] Suffrage Association will hold [illegible] at Shaniko on the 27th inst. Miss [illegible] of Portland, and Mr. M. P. Amer, secretary of the Society.

[illegible] Mathews, who was severely wounded [illegible] in a recent shooting affair in the Wood River country, is now [illegible] walking on crutches. The case [illegible] to be fully settled.

[illegible] Baker City Democrat, [illegible] Sunday last [illegible] in the Powder River country [illegible] was caught in the storm and [illegible] It was daughter of Colonel Ely [illegible] was found. In a few feet in the grain was knocked down, otherwise the rain did no damage.

The grading on the narrow gauge is finished to Cobarg, Lane county, and the steam gang are at work at Brownsville putting in the piles ready for the trestle work between the creek and the warehouse, and will soon be working on the bridge crossing the Calapooia.

John Delehaw exhibits at Eugene City some splendid specimens of grain. A bunch of silver mine is 36½ inches in length, and the heads are large and plump. Fourteen heads of ten-kernel wheat weighed seven ounces, while the heads of a beautiful bunch of oats measured eight inches in length. Can any other farmer in Oregon show better grain?

Mr. Miller, who owns the grist mill at Eugene City, he says is the best in the mountains, beyond Baid creek, to obtain and bring out some of the stone, so that he may give it a fair and impartial test. He has been specimens of the stone at Waterloo, and believes it the best there. If this should prove correct it will bring many thousands of dollars into Linn county in the near future.

Southern Oregon.

The potato bug is making ravages in Goose Lake valley.

Pioneer's reunion is the next gala day in Ashland September 15.

Sol Abraham has signified his willingness to subscribe $10,000 towards the erection of a woolen mill at Roseburg.

The last of the wheat crop of 1880 in Wilbur has been sold, and the warehouses are now ready to receive the abundant yield of 1881.

A small patch of barley on the ranch of Robt. Emmett, near Whittier's ferry, on the Klamath, will yield 60 bushels to the acre, it is claimed.

The snow banks on Ash and Butte are growing smaller rapidly, and, unless early snow storms add to them, will probably disappear entirely this year.

The indebtedness of Josephine county, exclusive of interest on outstanding warrants and amounts audited and not issued prior to June 30, 1881, is $6126.

The Gen. Howard towed a raft of 240,000 feet of logs from the upper end of Klamath lake to Nurse & Moore's saw mill, one day last week. The steamer has been able to go up Wood river several miles from the mouth.

Plaindealer: One day last week as some one was doing some blasting back of the court house, the rocks from the blast flew around quite promiscuously, one, the largest, weighing nine pounds, going through the front door of a house belonging to Robert Easton, on Jackson street, breaking things up generally, and was thrown about 250 yards. Others smaller in size were strewn over Chanapgate's woodshed, and another came near striking Charley Griffith while walking through Reed & Co.'s hitching yard.

Washington Territory.

Snipes is the name of a new postoffice on the lower Yakima.

The tie drive down the Yakima is expected to reach Ainsworth about the 14th.

Henry Beckett is building at Orton, Pierce county, a hop house 20x36 feet, and a barn 40x50.

The big bridge between Wallula, W. T., and Grange city, will require about 800,000 feet of lumber.

The demand for laborers in the hop-growing sections is likely to exceed the supply. There are no idlers, even Indians readily finding employment.

Four vessels are lying at Seabeck. To load vessels the mill is running on full time. Work on the new schooner now building at Seabeck is progressing finely, and she will be completed at the earliest moment and go into the lumber trade.

The Congregational church at Spokan Falls will be 30x50 feet, with an extension of five feet back for pulpit purposes. The cost will be about $3500. Nearly $1000 have already been raised by subscription. Work on the building will be continued till it is completed.

Mr. Peel, of Tumwater Mills, says that his mills are running at least sixteen hours out of the twenty-four to supply the demand. He purchased 1000 bushels of wheat last week in the Chehalis region, and is supplying that reservation with breadstuffs, and also the Puyallup reservation.

A letter from Centerville says the formation in the tunnel is very changeable. Sand rock to the amount of three feet is found in its face. The men running the tunnel believe they will strike bed rock during the present week. A distance of four feet is made every day, and every indication is favorable.

Walla Walla *Union*: No license is the opposition to a railroad in the city limits that the managers of the Mill Creek Flume & Railroad Co. deemed it but prudent to move the engine through Alder street on Sunday, as by thus doing they would prevent being interrupted by an injunction. The tender will probably be moved during the silent hours of night.

There are in the Seattle school district children as follows: Males over 4 and under 21, 545; females over 4 years and under 21, 586. Total, 1131. Males under 4 years, 270; females under 4, 238. Total, 1380. In the year 1880 following were the returns: Males over 4 and under 21, 483; females over 4 and under 21, 485. Total, 1193. Males under 4, 166; females under 4, 161. Total, 327.

About ten days ago, while engaged in raking off a reaper near Walla Walla, Charles Ford received a sun stroke that rendered him insensible for a period of eight hours, and for a time it seemed impossible for it to do otherwise than prove fatal. Dr. Weston of Milton was called, and after laboring hard with the patient until late in the evening pronounced him out of danger. This is the first fatal case of sun stroke we have known in the valley.

Dayton Chronicle: During the past week J. E. Palmer with his party of flume builders, have been engaged in putting an additional ten inch plank on the flume from the south bank of the Touchet to the dump and in making sundry other improvements. Among them we note a tramway 300 feet long, built alongside of the flume switch. Lumber from the flume will be carried forward on this tramway and transported thence from directly to flat cars on the switch. Timber guides have been placed along the incline and also for quite a distance along the flume.

Idaho.

Colonel Parnell's cavalry company have returned from the Weiser country and gone to Bruneau valley to carry out the orders recently received from division headquarters.

Telegraph rates between Boise City and Winnemucca have been reduced to $1 for ten words or less, and seven cents for each additional word, on local as well as through business, commencing August 1.

Col. M. Thompson has returned from his surveying tour in the Lemhi valley. He has completed the survey of the whole valley. The valley is well-settled up, and the large and prosperous mining country which surrounds it makes a good market for the farmers and stock growers, and everything seems to be very prosperous in that section.

The great plains of Ada and Canas counties contain millions of acres now lying waste, but capable of being made to "blossom as the rose" by the interconnection of a system of canals. Nor is this impracticable, as the Boise and Snake rivers carry an immense body of water, which can be utilized in reclaiming lands that are now valueless even for pasturage purposes. It is claimed that by means of this irrigation this section may be made immensely profitable to the culture of sugar beets and the manufacture of sugar.

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